PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, the 26th July 1935/10th Karkatakam 1110.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Foot-path near the T. B. at Nedumangad.

82. ✻ MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a *rajapatha* that leads from the T. B. in Nedumangad town and connects the T. B. road near the Ul'iyoor bridge;

(*b*) its distance;

(*c*) whether it is frequented by the public;

(*d*) whether it is in the heart of the Nedumangad town:

(*e*) whether the Village Panchayat at Nedumangad has moved the P. W. D. to convert this *rajapatha* into a road: and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, what action the P. W. D. has taken?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) There is a foot-path.

(*b*) 1½ furlongs.

(*c*) Not much used by the public.

(*d*) It is in the Nedumangad town.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*) above.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*e*) of the answer, may I know from the Government whether the Village Panchayat at Nedumungad has passed a resolution to convert this *rajapatha* into a road and addressed Government about it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have no information on that.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the *rajapatha* is one that must be improved ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the reason why the Government consider that the *rajapatha* need not be improved ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It is a steep foot-path The ruling gardient is one in eight. Also it is very close to another road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is it a *rajapatha* or a foot-path ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It is a foot-path.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether there is any idea of converting it into a cart road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : There is no idea. It is very close to a metalled road.

Rubber Plantations.

83. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are rubber plantations under the management of the Forest Department ;

(*b*) how many acres of rubber plantations there are like this ;

(*c*) whether they are being tapped at present ;

(*d*) how many pounds of rubber are being obtained from the above plantations ; and

(*e*) the income derived out of it towards the revenue for the Forest Department ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 105 acres.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), the question does not arise.

(*e*) Last year the Forest Department realised S. Rs. 894-11-7 by the sale of rubber quota allotted to the Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is any proposal from the Industries Department to the effect that the Rubber Plantations under the Forest Department must be handed over to the Industries Department for tapping rubber ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether that proposal was accepted by Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is under consideration.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know how old these plantations are ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know whether Government consider the sale of the quota more profitable than tapping and selling rubber ?

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